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1. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED REVISION OF PROPOSED TEXT OF STATMENT
OF GOALS AND TASKS FOR THE US AMBASSADOR TO ITALY.

BEGIN TEXT:

I. PRESERVE ITALY AS A WESTERN-ORIENTED DEMOCRACY AND A
FULL PARTICIPANT IN ATLANTIC AND WESTERN EUROPEAN
INSTITUTIONS.

--ENCOURAGE ITALIANS TO PLAY AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE ROLE
IN THE VARIOUS WESTERN INSTITUTIONS TO WHICH THEY BELONG,
AND EMPHASIZE THE VALUE THE US PLACES IN THEIR PARTICIPATION.

-- REINFORCE BILATERAL RELATIONS AT EVERY LEVEL BY
ENCOURAGING INCREASED INTERACTION BETWEEN PRIVATE AMERICAN
AND ITALIAN INSTITUTIONS IN THE EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL,

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BUSINESS AND LABOR FIELDS.

II. STRENGTHEN ITALIAN DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL FORCES.

--REINFORCE WITH ITALIAN LEADERS THE IDEA THAT
RESPONSIVE AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT AND A HEALTHY
ECONOMY ARE THE BEST GUARANTEES AGAINST THE GROWTH OF

COMMUNISM OR OTHER UNDEMOCRATIC POLITICAL FORCES.

--ENCOURAGE THE REGENERATION OF THE CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATIC PARTY BY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE YOUNGER
REFORM-MINDED POLITICIANS.

-- MAINTAIN LINKS WITH THE SOCIALISTS AND OTHER SMALL
DEMOCRATIC PARTIES IN AN EFFORT TO CONVINCE THEM TO
PLAY MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLES IN ITALIAN POLITICAL LIFE.

III. ENCOURAGE THE STABILIZATION OF THE ITALIAN ECONOMY.

--WORK THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND TO
PROMOTE STRUCTURAL ECONOMIC REFORM, BOOST PRODUCTIVITY
AND EMPLOYMENT, AND REDUCE INFLATION AND INDEBTEDNESS.

--CONVINCE ITALIANS THAT THEY MUST CREATE AN ECONOMIC
CLIMATE WHICH WILL ATTRACT FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

--PROMOTE US EXPORTS TO ITALY IN THE CONTEXT OF A
HEALTHY US-EC RELATIONSHIP.

IV. STRENGTHEN THE NATO RELATIONSHIP.

--ELICIT CONTINUED ITALIAN COOPERATION IN THE USE OF
US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN ITALY FOR NATO AND OTHER
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US OBJECTIVES.

--ENCOURAGE GREATER ITALIAN DEFENSE EFFORTS IN
SUPPORT OF THE NATO GOAL OF A THREE PERCENT REAL
INCREASE IN DEFENSE BUDGETS.

V. COOPERATION TOWARD SOLUTION OF ITALY'S ENERGY
PROBLEMS.

--URGE FULLEST POSSIBLE ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE
IEA.

--REINVIGORATE THE EXISTING BILATERAL ENERGY WORKING
GROUP.

--ENCOURAGE ITALY TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE INTER-
NATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM.

--PROMOTE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NON-NUCLEAR
ENERGY SOURCES SUCH AS SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL AND BIOCON-
VERSION.

VI. IMPROVE THE IMAGE IN ITALY OF THE US AS A JUST, VIABLE, AND PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY.

--ESTABLISH A RELATIONSHIP WITH IMPORTANT FIGURES IN THE ITALIAN MEDIA IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE A FULL AND FAIR COVERAGE OF US DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES AND INTERESTS.

--DEVELOP GREATER ITALIAN AWARENESS OF AMERICAN INTELLECTUAL, ARTISTIC AND SOCIAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

--STIMULATE DEBATE ON THE VIABILITY OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS BY DEMONSTRATING HOW THE AMERICAN SYSTEM RESPONDS TO THE NEEDS OF ALL CITIZENS.

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--ENCOURAGE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING EFFORTS IN ORDER TO EXPAND ACCESS TO AMERICAN LIFE AND THOUGHT.

--PROMOTE TECHNICAL EXCHANGES IN SUCH AREAS AS PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND JOURNALISM WHERE MODERN AMERICAN TECHNIQUES CAN BE OF POSITIVE USE.

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2. MAIN THRUST OF CHANGES SUGGESTED IS TO RECAST DOCUMENT IN PRIORITY ORDER AND TO STATE GOALS EXPLICITLY AS SUCH. LABOR INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE LISTING UNDER THE SECOND TASK OF GOAL I. RECOMMEND DELETION OF REFERENCE TO THE PCI UNDER GOAL II. INCLUSION OF THE STATEMENT ON THE PCI MIGHT LEAD TO MISUNDERSTANDING OF VERY LIMITED EMBASSY CONTACT PROGRAM. UNDER GOAL III, EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO ENCOURAGEMENT OF US INVESTMENT IN ITALY NOT NECESSARY. PRECEDING TASK (QUOTE... CREATE AN ECONOMIC CLIMATE WHICH WILL ATTRACT FOREIGN INVESTMENT... UNQUOTE) IS MORE APPROPRIATE STATEMENT. REFERENCE TO IEA AS MAJOR CHANNEL FOR MULTILATERAL ENERGY COOPERATION RECOMMENDED. FINALLY, RECOMMEND INCLUSION OF NEW TASK (QUOTE STIMULATE DEBATE... UNQUOTE) UNDER GOAL VI. THIS IS KEY TO ACHIEVING UNDERSTANDING OF SIGNIFICANCE OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

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